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A newsletter for Region 1—WorkOne associates & partners

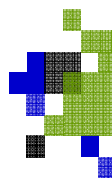
Working as One

Indiana Career Connect Training

A day out of the WorkOne office, meant a day of training at Ivy Tech in Valparaiso. Most WorkOne folks are spending time to learn the state's new job search database that will be replacing the current CS3 system. Indiana Career Connect (ICC) will be debuting throughout the state's WorkOne sites beginning in a matter of weeks.

The new ICC system promises to be more user-friendly, while providing essential information and usages that the old CS3 system did not offer to its clients.

Thanks for everyone who attended!



Hip Hip Hooray!

Gary WorkOne's Jenna Johnson was named the 2008 *Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) of the Year* by the VFW! Knowing that one of our own (Region 1) was recognized for this honor should make us proud! So, join us in congratulating Jenna!

Last month, efforts were coordinated by Audra Pancek in LaPorte, to pursue a fundraiser for Relay for Life. The idea was planned in a few short days and allowed WorkOne folks to dress down/casual on Friday, May 23rd by donating \$3.00 to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life initiative. Audra informed us that \$130 was collected! Thanks to Audra for taking on this effort for a most well deserved and important cause! And...thanks to all who are participated!

Portage Assumes Pilot Role for Integration Training

The time has arrived and the word "integration" isn't all that bad after all! Region 1 WorkOne associates and partners spent a day of job shadowing at the Portage WorkOne, where they went through mock-type visits, carried on integration procedures and processes, and made sure that the client would have a smooth transition from one station to the next during their initial visit.

Following their day of job shadowing they were trained in their own office for one day and then officially launched the process thereafter.

Kudos to the Portage staff for their help and support in piloting and hosting the job shadowing and special thanks to Lee Buck (Gary), Elva Torres (Hammond), and Christina Schmitt (LaPorte) for their spirit in spearheading much of the efforts.

Spring Cleaning & Upgrades

Barb Grimsgard from the Center of Workforce Innovations-Regional Operator with Region 1, visited many of our WorkOne sites taking a look at wall and carpet conditions, as a first phase of site upgrades. While a few of the offices will be receiving some substantial redesigns, due to flow, additional space additions, etc., the majority will be getting a fresh coat of paint, clean or new carpeting, and a set of 4-6 (24" x 36") framed WorkOne posters. Nice, professional looking black suggestion boxes will also be provided to the sites in order to replace the client survey boxes currently being used.

Realizing that many of the sites have some pretty hefty "wish lists" on items they would like, we want to assure you that we've taken notes and will continue to provide you with items needed, as our budgets allow throughout the year. In addition, the offices in the midst of relocation efforts will be put on hold with various upgrades.